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Dear Dr. Nicolle:

I trust that my reply to your letter of November 8 adequately met your requirements.

On this occasion, I am writing to ask a favor of you with respect to "flagellar" or λ bacteriophages (Sertic). Such bacteriophages would be very useful to our present work with the genetics of *S. typhi* and *S. typhimurium*.

I have not been able to find many references to such bacteriophages, except for the original paper in the C.R. Soc. biol. by Sertic and Boulgovsky, and a subsequent short note by Rakieten.

Can you tell me whether these phages have been preserved at l'Institut Pasteur? Have there been any other publications dealing with them? If you could provide me either with the original phages (and a suitable host), or with additional information that would help me to isolate similar phages for myself, I would be most indebted to you.

If I may interpose an additional request, I would appreciate the favor of the exchange of reprints. Several people in my laboratory are working on problems relating to bacteriophages and lysogenicity, and we would be pleased to have access to your work on this subject.

Yours sincerely

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